(b) 1200 doses—Rs. 224—8—0.

(c) 4200 doses were returned to the Haffkine Institute, Bombay and 1600 weresent to Kunnamkulam in connection with plague there.

Departmental publication of Text-books.

297. Mr K. M. Ibrahim:— Will the Government state how far they have progressed with their decision to publish Text-books departmentally ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— The proposal to publish Text-books departmentally is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—May I know, Sir, when this subject i. e., the publication of text books departmentally, engaged the attention of the Government for the first time?

Mr. I. N. Menon—I don't exactly remember the date. Some years ago, the question of publishing the text books departmentally was taken up by the Government and afterwards it appears to have been dropped. Then the question was raised again in the Council. Proposals were drawn up and submitted to the Government for the Diwan's consideration and my information is, that orders will be issued on those reports.

Electric scheme.

298. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the consideration of the Electric scheme now stand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— The proposal for taking power in bulk from the Travancore Hydro-electric station is under consideration.

Nadupanthy—widening of.

299. Mr. K. T. Mathew:— Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) what steps have been taken in (i) 1109 and (ii) 1110 to widen Nadupanthy in Kunnamkulam Town; and

(b) whether the amount provided in the last year's budget has been fully made use of for this; and if not, what is the reason for not utilising the amount provided ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— (a) (i) In 1109 an estimate for the work was sanctioned and steps were taken to acquire all the Sy. Nos. required for widening the Nadupanthy. But Sy. Nos. 1220/4 and 5 of Kunnamkulam village alone were declared for acquisition in the Gazette.

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(ii) In 1110 the work has been let on contract. Action is also being taken to complete the work.

(b) No; because the land acquisition proceedings could not be completed in 1109.

Public Health Department—Programme of work.

300. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there is a definite programme of work for the village for the Public Health Department;

(2) if so, what it is; and

(3) the names of villages in which this department has started operations?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— (1) Yes.

(2) Vaccination, prevention of Epidemics, Sanitary arrangements in connection with fairs and festivals, supervision of dangerous and offensive trades, administration of markets—both Sirkar and private,—cremation and burial grounds, improvements and additions to communication, water supply, child welfare and maternity work, etc., these constitute the work of the department.

(3) The operations of the department extend to all the villages in the State excluding those under Municipalities.

Magic Lantern—Public Health Department.

301. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the amount spent by the Department of Public Health for the purchase of magic lantern and the equipment, etc., for the same;

(2) the average monthly expenditure under the above head;

(3) the date on which the first magic lantern show was made;

(4) the number of shows given by them up to 30th Vrischigam 1110;

(5) the dates and places where those shows were given ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— (1) Rs. 8,335—5—7.

(2) Rs. 105—1—3.

(3) 25th Edavam 1109.

(4) 142.

(5) A statement containing the information is appended *(Vide Appendix VIII)*.

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